



Lineback's New Mexico Type II
Interagency Incident Management Team
OJO FELIZ FIRE
Rainville, NM
April 17, 2006

Acres: approximately 16,600

Containment: 80 %

Fire Personnel: 499

Structures Lost: 3 Outbuildings

Communities Threatened: The evacuation order for Los Hueros has been lifted as of 8am.

Highways Closed: Mora County road C-4 from State Highway 442 to Los Hueros is now open to traffic.

Cause of Fire: Human

Fire Update: Firefighters' Easter Gift Allowed Much Progress

Sunday's break in the winds allowed firefighters to get into the steep, narrow area of Los Hueros Canyon and finish building fireline. The entire fire now has some type of line around it, which enabled Hotshot crews to burn out approximately 100 acres of fuels, greatly reducing the possibility of fire escape. The burnout was supported by two heli-tankers and a medium helicopter dropping water on unburned fuels outside and adjacent to the fireline. The Hotshot crews used portable pumps to utilize water from Los Hueros Creek to assist in holding back the fire and in mopping up hot spots. Work will continue in the Los Hueros Canyon vicinity over the next several days to solidify containment in that area of the fire.

Mop up is complete on much of the fire. Crews and bulldozers have begun fire line rehabilitation, and the area continues to be monitored by helicopters and night flying infra-red detection aircraft.

High winds, low humidity, and warmer temperatures are expected in the area on Monday and Tuesday. Firefighters are working to solidify containment, minimizing the possibility of escape in these adverse conditions.

Residents of Los Hueros are now allowed back into their homes as the risk to that area is greatly reduced. However firefighters will be working in that area over the next several days and residents are reminded to drive carefully and be aware of firefighter activities. We want to remind motorists in the vicinity of the fire that they should use only main roads and stay off roads leading into the main fire area on the north of Hwy 442.

As always, firefighter and public safety is the number one concern of the New Mexico Type 2 Incident Management Team. For additional information please contact Fire Information at its new number: 505.387.9120 or check the website at: www.nmimt.com/assignment.htm